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South Florida Water Management District

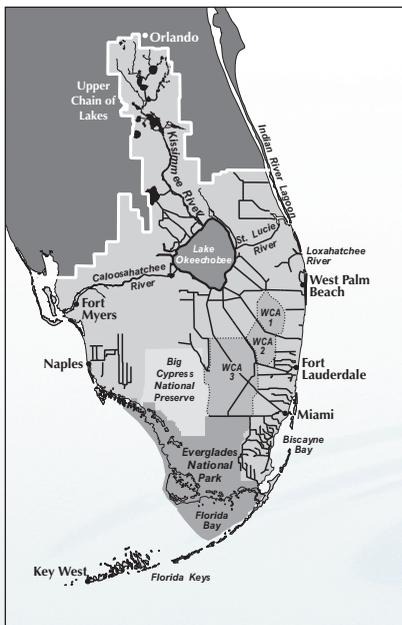
Budget Year 2012–2013

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The South Florida Water Management District

is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our Mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply.



Agency Overview

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) serves 16 counties from Orlando to Key West and from Fort Myers to Fort Lauderdale, encompassing 31% of the state's land area and 41% of the population.

The SFWMD operates the region's primary flood control network along with other system components made up of major canals, levees, water storage areas, pump stations and other water control structures.

The agency also safeguards and plans regional water supplies for people and the environment. Other core responsibilities include improving and protecting water quality and restoring natural systems in one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world – America's Everglades.

The budget year starts October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year. To underscore transparency and public accountability, staff look for and implement ways to improve operations, achieve efficiencies and implement good business practices.

State legislation divides the District into two taxing basins: the Okeechobee Basin (comprising the bulk of the counties) and the Big Cypress Basin (includes Collier County and a portion of mainland Monroe County). A nine-member SFWMD Governing Board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, provides oversight and sets policy for both basins. The Governor also appoints five Collier County residents to oversee Big Cypress Basin planning, budgeting and operations.

The Governing Board appoints an Executive Director, also subject to Senate approval, to carry out the Board's directives. Key leadership support is provided by the General Counsel (legal issues), Chief of Staff (intergovernmental and public communications) and functional area Assistant Executive Directors.



Major Functional Areas

Operations, Maintenance & Construction

Field Operations and Land Management encompasses the year-round and emergency operations and maintenance functions conducted by the agency's eight field stations to ensure water management system readiness. Stewardship of District-owned public land includes vegetation management, exotic species control and opportunities for recreational access.

Operations, Engineering & Construction is responsible for 24-hour operational control and monitoring of District structures and water levels to provide regional flood control, water supply and environmental enhancement. Water management system components are routinely inspected and refurbishments are completed on a planned schedule. In addition, this group oversees the design and construction of new restoration projects and other District facilities.

Everglades & Water Resources

Everglades Policy & Coordination comprises all aspects of the District's involvement and commitment regarding state and federal initiatives to implement Everglades restoration. This group coordinates, develops and implements comprehensive policy and projects to preserve, restore and protect the South Florida ecosystem while recognizing the needs of external constituents and stakeholders.

Water Resources assesses South Florida’s diverse water supply and environmental protection needs by conducting scientific research, collecting and analyzing field samples, developing computer models and utilizing many other tools and methodologies. This critical information is used to plan and implement effective strategies for ensuring water supply for both people and the environment, restoring ecosystems and improving water quality.

Business & Regulatory

Administrative Services consists of the primary business functions of the agency – budget, finance, procurement, information technology, facilities and human resources. This group provides the most efficient and cost-effective resources needed to support the District’s core mission responsibilities.

Regulation ensures fair, consistent and timely review of environmental and water use permit applications. Streamlined regulatory programs, including online accessibility and compliance, help manage the region’s groundwater supplies and protect natural resources such as wetlands, rivers, lakes and estuaries from adverse impacts.

For More Information

Visit www.sfwmd.gov for additional details about the agency, including Governing Board members and meetings; agency organization; publications; major projects; permitting; related rules and statutes; agency news; career opportunities; and more.

QUICK STATS

Area and population:

- Spans all or part* of 16 counties:

Broward	Miami-Dade
Charlotte*	Monroe
Collier	Okeechobee*
Glades	Orange*
Lee	Osceola*
Hendry	Palm Beach
Highlands*	Polk*
Martin	St. Lucie

- 18,000 square miles
- 7.7 million residents

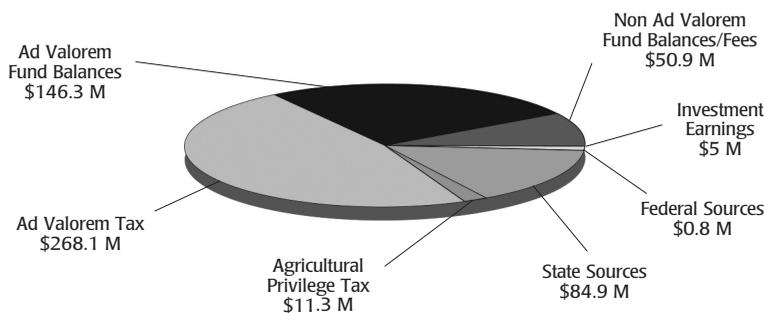
One of the world’s largest water management systems:

- Nearly 2,000 miles of canals and more than 2,800 miles of levees/berms
- 645 water control structures and 700+ culverts
- 69 pump stations
- Nearly 3,500 hydrological monitoring stations at 650+ flow sites, including 200 rain gauges and 26 weather stations

Funding Sources

District activities are funded by a combination of ad valorem (*property*) taxes and other sources such as federal and state revenue, licenses, permit fees, agricultural taxes, fund balances and investment income.

Where the Money Comes From
2012–2013 Budget (\$ Millions)



Total Budget \$567.3 Million

District Locations

Headquarters

West Palm Beach: (561) 686-8800 or (800) 432-2045

Big Cypress Basin

Naples: (239) 263-7615

Field Stations

- Big Cypress Basin: (239) 597-2236
- Clewiston: (863) 983-1431
- Fort Lauderdale: (954) 452-4814
- Homestead: (305) 242-5933
- Miami: (305) 513-3420
- Okeechobee: (863) 462-5328
- St. Cloud: (407) 891-3550
- West Palm Beach: (561) 791-4100

Regulatory Service Centers

- Lower West Coast: (239) 338-2929 or (800) 248-1201
- Okeechobee: (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200
- Orlando: (407) 858-6100 or (800) 250-4250

Toll-free numbers are Florida only.



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